



Penicuik High School Parents' Association Newsletter September 2011

Dear Parent/Carer,

This newsletter is intended to give you an update on Parents' Association activities over the past year, and to encourage you to become involved with us.

AGM on Monday 10th October 2011 at 7pm in room 18, Penicuik High School. Wine/soft drinks and nibbles will be served. All welcome. The AGM will be immediately followed by the Meet the Management meeting at which the topic for presentation and discussion will be Curriculum for Excellence.

Our sequence of meetings has continued as usual with regular reports from the Head Teacher and from other staff involved in various activities around the school. We are grateful to all who attend regularly, both staff and parents. You can find minutes on the school website

<http://penicuik.mgfl.net/>

Outside of our regular meetings, we have been involved in helping out at the Christmas Fair, a presentation to retiring senior janitor Bill McRobb, discussions on revised secondary school management structures and a series of meetings concerning the ongoing review of Midlothian secondary schools provision. Thanks to all who attended the meetings on this – we are always pleased to hear your views as the process continues.

Thanks to regular contributions of members, the 50-50 club has been able to donate several thousands of pounds in support of school activities. Major items which received funding contributions this year include the leavers' evening, prizes for The Big Day, kit for the hockey team, the PA Community Involvement Prize for pupils and various pieces of educational equipment. If you're not already a member of the 50-50, please give serious thought as to whether you could join, or make a regular donation. Forms and details are on the

website, or ask any PA member.

If you'd like to get involved with the PHSPA, please come along to our meetings, and/or get in touch with us. All parents and carers are very welcome to attend, whether to speak or just to listen, without fear of being lined up for a job! You can contact us via the school office, or in person (see list of members on the website). The more people that get involved, the more we'll be able to achieve on behalf of the pupils.

Finally, thanks to all the other parents who make contributions in so many ways to support Penicuik High School - everyone can make a difference.

Hope to see you at the AGM on October 10th.

Bronwen Jackson (Chair), Penicuik High School Parents' Association.